



CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

GRANTS MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM

2009-20

DATE: December 16, 2009
TO: All California Emergency Management Agency Subgrantees & Interested Parties
FROM: Homeland Security Grants
RE: HSGP Program Updates

Due to policy changes underway at the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) Grants Management Division is announcing the following updates to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP):

- The FEMA Authorized Equipment List has been revised to include Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) restrictions and bomb squad accreditation requirements. Any explosive-related equipment that triggers a request for bomb squad accreditation no longer warrants certification as FBI-approved at this time. Please submit only the bomb squad accreditation documentation to your program representative prior to equipment purchase. No additional product certification is to be submitted.
- FEMA Information Bulletin #329 provided additional details regarding the Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) policies, and noted that the EHP Screening Memo must be completed and submitted to your program representative prior to equipment purchase. The actual screening memo attached to the information bulletin gives detailed instructions regarding EHP clearance for training and exercise activities, as well as specific categories of equipment. Classroom-based training no longer carries an EHP compliance requirement; however, subgrantees must notify their program representative and clearly identify any training activities categorized as classroom-based.

These updates impact all open Homeland Security Grants from FY 2006 forward, and are subject to any additional policy changes at DHS/FEMA. For further information or assistance, please contact your Cal EMA program representative. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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